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MOSCOW FOR ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OEXC, HU, OVIP (HARTMAN, ARTHUR A.)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN: CULTURAL UMBRELLA
AGREEMENT, TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN

1. DURING ROUTINE COURTESY CALL ON NEW INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL
RELATIONS (ICR) PRESIDENT RONAI MARCH 28, HE UNEXPECTEDLY
PROPOSED THAT CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES UMBRELLA AGREEMENT
INITIALED LAST FALL BE SIGNED DURING ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN'S
BUDAPEST VISIT APRIL 4-6. RONAI SAID ALTHOUGH SIGNING WAS NOT
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL, IT WOULD ADD TO IMPORTANCE OF
HARTMAN VISIT BY PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF A POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

2. RONAI SAID TWO OR THREE WEEKS MORE REQUIRED FOR ICR TO
FINISH HUNGARIAN DRAFT OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT WHICH COULD BE
SIGNED LATER AT STAFF LEVEL. CHARGE REPLIED HIS UNDERSTANDING
WAS THAT USG PREFERRED TO AWAIT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAM
DOCUMENT AND TO SIGN ENTIRE AGREEMENT AS A PACKAGE.
HOWEVER, CHARGE SAID HE WOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND
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ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN IMMEDIATELY OF RONAI'S REPRESENTATION.

3. COMMENT: IN EARLIER CALL AT MFA MARCH 24 IN CONNNECTION
WITH HARTMAN VISIT (PARA 6, BUDAPEST 0973), BARTHA MADE
SAME POINT AND CHARGE MADE SAME REPLY. EMBASSY SEES A
CERTAIN ADVANTAGE IN PROCEEDING WITH UMBRELLA AGREEMENT
SIGNING DURING HARTMAN VISIT. GOH TAKING VISIT VERY

SERIOUSLY AND A SIGNED AGREEMENT WOULD INDEED
PROVIDE A SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR IT, HELPFUL TO
CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. NEGATIVE
REPLY MIGHT GIVE HUNGARIANS IMPRESSION WE ARE COOL
TOWARDS HAVING VISIBLE RESULTS DERIVE FROM HARTMAN VISIT.
ON OTHER HAND, AWAITING COMPLETION OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT
PRIOR TO SIGNATURE MIGHT PROVIDE SOME LEVERAGE IN ACHIEVING
CERTAIN USG AIMS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE DECISION URGENTLY
SO THAT IN CASE OF POSITIVE REPLY GOH MAY TAKE NECESSARY
ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS AND ADJUST SCHEDULE.
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